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3 1. A method for use in a graphical user interface configured to support
4 a login operation, the method comprising:

5 displaying at least one user input field within a graphical user interface,
6 wherein the at least one user input field is configured to operatively receive user
7 input associated with the login operation;

8 determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input; and

9 if conditions allow for the reception of the user input and it is determined
10 that there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user input for the login
11 operation, then automatically displaying reminder information associated with the
12 user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user
13 interface.

14 4. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the user input field is
15 configured to input a password.

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17 5. The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein the reminder information
18 includes user provided password reminder information.
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1 9. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable
2 instructions for causing at least one processing unit to support a login operation by
3 performing steps comprising:

4 displaying at least one user input field on the display within a graphical
5 user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is configured to operatively
6 receive user input associated with the login operation;

7 determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input;

8 determining if there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user
9 input for the login operation when conditions allow for the reception of the user
10 input; and

11 automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user
12 input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface
13 based on the failure to operatively receive correct user input.

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15 12. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 9, wherein the
16 user input field is configured to input a password.

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18 13. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 12, wherein the
19 reminder information includes user provided password reminder information.
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17. An arrangement comprising:
memory;
a display device;
a user input device; and
a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the display device and the
user input device, the processor being configured to:
display at least one user input field within a graphical user interface on the
display device, wherein the at least one user input field is configured to
operatively receive user input associated with the login operation;
determine when conditions allow for the reception of the user input;
determine if there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user
input for the login operation when conditions allow for the reception of the user
input; and
automatically display reminder information associated with the user input
field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface based on
the failure to operatively receive correct user input.

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20. The arrangement as recited in Claim 17, wherein the user input field
is configured to input a password.

21. The arrangement as recited in Claim 20, wherein the reminder
information includes user provided password reminder information previously
stored in the memory.

1 Marked-up version of the amended claims:

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3 1. (Once Amended) A method for use in a graphical user interface
4 configured to support a login operation, the method comprising:

5 displaying at least one user input field within a graphical user interface,
6 wherein the at least one user input field is configured to operatively receive user
7 input associated with the login operation;

8 determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input; and
9 if conditions allow for the reception of the user input and it is determined
10 that there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user input for the login
11 operation, then automatically displaying reminder information associated with the
12 user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user
13 interface.

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15 9. (Once Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-
16 executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to support a login
17 operation by performing steps comprising:

18 displaying at least one user input field on the display within a graphical
19 user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is configured to operatively
20 receive user input associated with the login operation;

21 determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input;
22 determining if there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user
23 input for the login operation when conditions allow for the reception of the user
24 input; and

1 automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user
2 input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface
3 based on the failure to operatively receive correct user input.

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5 17. (Once Amended) An arrangement comprising:
6 memory;
7 a display device;
8 a user input device; and
9 a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the display device and the
10 user input device, the processor being configured to:

11 display at least one user input field within a graphical user interface
12 on the display device, wherein the at least one user input field is configured
13 to operatively receive user input associated with a login operation;

14 determine when conditions allow for the reception of the user input;
15 determine if there has been a failure to operatively receive correct
16 user input for the login operation when conditions allow for the reception of
17 the user input; and

18 automatically display reminder information associated with the user
19 input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user
20 interface based on the failure to operatively receive correct user input.